

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please replace the abstract with the following
abstract:

--In an enhanced slice prediction embodiment,
an input containing first and second data is received.
Each data element of the first data represents a number
of bits that is greater than a number of bits represented
by each data element of the second data, and the first
and second data in the received input are defined by the
same n level constellation. The input is decoded with a
first decoder to recover both the first and second data.
Only the second data is decoded with a second decoder.
Enhanced slice prediction is provided based on the
decoding of the second decoder.--